

**Minutes of the December 10, 2018**  
**Regular Meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners**  
**Held at 6:00 pm in the Yancey County Courtroom**  
**Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville, North Carolina**

Present at the meeting held December 10, 2018 were Chairman Jeff Whitson, Commissioner Mark Ledford, Commissioner Jill Austin, Commissioner David Grindstaff, and Commissioner Johnny Riddle, County Manager Lynn Austin, County Finance Officer Brandi Burleson, Special Projects Coordinator Nathan Bennett, Planning and Economic Development Director Jamie McMahan, County Attorney Donnie Laws, members of the media, and members of the general public.

**Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda**

Chairman Whitson called the meeting to order. Chairman Whitson then asked Commissioner Ledford to lead in the invocation. After the invocation, Commissioner Riddle led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chairman Whitson then asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Austin made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Commissioner Riddle. By unanimous vote, the agenda was approved. (Attachment A)

**Consent Agenda**

Chairman Whitson opened the floor for a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included:

- minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held November 13, 2018;
- minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board held December 3, 2018;
- minutes of the Closed Session of the Special Meeting held December 3, 2018;
- November Tax Collections Reports, included for informational purposes (Attachment B); and,
- Resolution of Schedule of Regular Commissioners Meetings and Establishing the 2019 Holiday Schedule (Attachment C).

Commissioner Grindstaff made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Commissioner Austin. By unanimous vote, the consent agenda was approved.

**Yancey County Schools Resolution**

Next on the agenda was the Yancey County Schools Resolution (Attachment D). County Manager Austin asked the Board to consider tabling any action on the resolution until the January 2019 Board meeting to allow time to receive clarification from Yancey County Schools on the matter. Chairman Whitson asked if Dr. Tony Tipton, School Superintendent or Angie Weatherman, School Board Chair, might be willing to attend the next Board meeting to discuss the resolution and County Manager Austin indicated she would make that request. Chairman Whitson then asked for a motion to table the Yancey County Schools Resolution until the January 2019 Regular Meeting. Chairman Grindstaff made a motion, which was seconded by Chairman Riddle. By unanimous vote, the motion was carried and approved.

**Special Projects Coordinator Report**

Special Projects Coordinator Nathan Bennett provided an update of ongoing special projects including the East Yancey sewer project. Mr. Bennett indicated that 5000 linear feet of pipe remains to be installed from Windom to Westside Rental. Mr. Bennett reported that a professional engineering report had been submitted to the state and, when approved, the project would be put out for bids.

Mr. Bennett then updated the Board on the Cane River Park recovery project and reported that county has secured an engineering firm. Mr. Bennett also indicated that he has met twice with the FEMA damage assessment team and that FEMA is working on a report that details what funding they will provide for repairs. Mr. Bennett also reported that on November 19-20 that approximately 50 employees from Altec worked at the Cane River Park site clearing debris, moving rocks, shoveling sand, and providing general

cleanup. Mr. Bennett indicated that the state wants an accounting of Altec's cleanup effort so that they might use it as an in-kind match and that this will be the first time for a private/federal partnership.

Mr. Bennett also reported on the Ray Cort Park project, including the receipt of a \$250,000 grant, which requires a 50% match. Mr. Bennett indicated that a \$100,000 grant received from Blue Ridge Resource Conservation & Development and US Fish & Wildlife may satisfy a portion of the match, with the county paying \$150,000 toward the match. Mr. Bennett indicated that the project is ready to move to the design phase.

Mr. Bennett gave a brief update to the Board on the new Blue Ridge School project and said he has been working with the DOT on the construction of a turn lane at the new school to be able to accommodate the school traffic.

### **Single County Audit**

Finance Officer Brandi Burleson reported that Travis Keever with Gould-Killian, PA was unable to attend the Board meeting due to inclement weather and stated that he would present the results of the audit at the January 2019 Regular Meeting. Finance Officer Burleson reported that the county fund balance is 23%, which will be shared in the formal report at the January 2019 meeting.

### **County Manager Report**

County Manager Austin began her report to the Board by thanking them for her appointment as County Manager. County Manager Austin reminded the Board that the Christmas Dinner for county employees was scheduled for December 21, 2018 at 12:00 pm at the Town Center. County Manager Austin also reported that the Christmas parade that was postponed due to inclement weather was rescheduled for December 15, 2018 at 2:00 pm.

### **County Attorney Report**

County Attorney Donny Laws indicated that he did not have anything to report this month.

### **County Commissioners Report**

Commissioner Riddle commented that the Farm City breakfast was well attended.

### **County Commissioners Board Appointments**

Chairman Whitson then moved to Board Appointments. Chairman Whitson asked Commissioner Grindstaff if he would be willing to serve on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) and as a delegate for the NC Association of County Commissioners, filling the seats previously held by former Commissioner John Stallings. Commissioner Grindstaff agreed. Additionally, Commissioner Riddle stated that he would like to continue to serve on the NC High Country Council of Governments.

### **Public Comments**

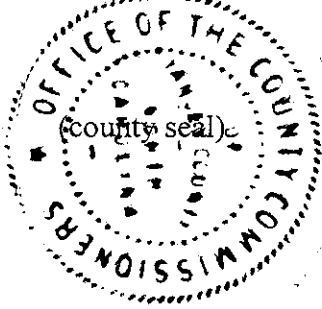
Chairman Whitson opened the floor for public comment. Karin Roulett, representing REACH, asked the Board to consider sending a letter to Attorney General Joel Stein requesting that public hearings be held in Western North Carolina Communities regarding the HCA purchase of Mission. Ms. Roulett presented a news article (Attachment E) and a letter template (Attachment F) that could be used by the Board. In consideration of Ms. Roulett's request for the Board to take action, Chairman Whitson asked for a motion to amend the agenda of the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Riddle made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Grindstaff. By unanimous vote, the motion was carried and approved. Chairman Whitson then opened the floor for a motion to send a letter from the Board to Attorney General Stein. Commissioner Grindstaff made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Ledford. By unanimous vote, the motion was carried and approved.

## Adjournment

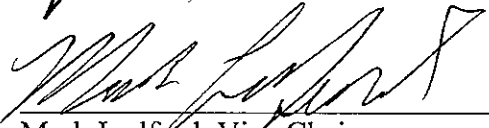
Having no further business, Commissioner Riddle made a motion to adjourn, with Commissioner Ledford seconding the motion. The Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn.

Approved and authenticated this the \_\_\_\_\_ 14th \_\_\_\_\_ day of January 2019.

  
Sonya Morgan, Clerk to the Board

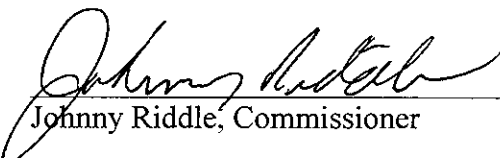


  
Jeff Whitson, Chairman

  
Mark Ledford, Vice Chairman

  
Jill Austin, Commissioner

  
David Grindstaff, Commissioner

  
Johnny Riddle, Commissioner



**AGENDA  
YANCEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
DECEMBER 10, 2018  
6:00 PM**

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Jeff Whitson**
- II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- III. Approval of the Agenda**
- IV. Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting on November 13, 2018 and Special Meeting on December 3, 2018**
  - b. November Tax Collections Reports – Informational**
  - c. Resolution of Schedule of Regular Commissioners Meetings and Establishing the 2019 Holiday Schedule**
- V. Yancey County Schools Resolution**
- VI. Special Projects Coordinator Report – Nathan Bennett**
- VII. Single County Audit Report – Travis Kever, Gould-Killian, PA**
- VIII. County Managers Report – Lynn Austin**
- IX. County Attorney Report – Donny Laws**
- X. County Commissioners Report**
- XI. County Commissioners Board Appointments – Discussion regarding vacant positions**
  - a. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)**
  - b. NC Association of County Commissioners - Delegate**
- XII. Public Comments**
- XIII. Adjourn**

**Yancey County Tax Office**  
 County/District Collection Percentage Report  
 As of: 11-30-2018

Run Date: 12-03-2018

2018  
 County

**Net Levy \$**  
 12,654,459.93

**Collections \$**  
 8,843,920.09

**Collections %**  
 69.89

**Districts**

**Name**

**Net Levy \$**

**Collections \$**

**Collections %**

001 - BURNSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT  
 002 - CANE RIVER FIRE DISTRICT  
 003 - EGYPT FIRE DISTRICT  
 004 - RAMSEYTOWN FIRE DISTRICT  
 005 - GREEN MOUNTAIN FIRE DISTRICT  
 006 - JACKS CREEK FIRE DISTRICT  
 007 - BRUSH CREEK FIRE DISTRICT  
 008 - CRABTREE FIRE DISTRICT  
 009 - SOUTH TOE FIRE DISTRICT  
 010 - PENSACOLA FIRE DISTRICT  
 011 - PRICES CREEK FIRE DISTRICT

193,879.64  
 74,156.14  
 78,040.04  
 24,452.74  
 27,299.29  
 66,590.34  
 39,147.12  
 174,323.39  
 193,284.31  
 95,936.61  
 153,907.73

129,077.87  
 53,329.72  
 56,058.35  
 16,414.77  
 19,606.66  
 48,349.26  
 29,553.52  
 116,086.33  
 139,310.16  
 65,095.15  
 113,220.79

66.58  
 71.92  
 71.84  
 67.13  
 71.83  
 72.61  
 75.50  
 66.60  
 72.08  
 67.86  
 73.57

**District Totals**

**Net Levy \$**  
 1,121,017.35

**Collections \$**  
 786,102.58

**Collections %**  
 70.12

# Posting Report

11-01-2018 to 11-30-2018

12-03-2018  
10:15 AM

## I. Tax Collections + Releases

Year	General Fund	Burnsville	West Yancey	Egypt/Ramseytown	Clearmont	Double Island	Newdale	South Toe	Pensacola	TOTAL
2010	\$883.35	\$49.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$989.80
2014	\$929.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$929.40
2016	\$858.31	\$0.00	\$23.72	\$0.00	\$18.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38.48	\$0.00	\$938.81
2017	\$3,777.62	\$15.30	\$40.56	\$17.40	\$18.30	\$22.50	\$17.40	\$96.27	\$52.94	\$4,058.29
2018	\$496,946.78	\$4,716.21	\$12,196.85	\$4,335.36	\$2,906.80	\$850.32	\$6,437.03	\$5,571.64	\$3,287.76	\$537,248.75
TOTAL	\$503,395.46	\$4,781.31	\$12,261.13	\$4,352.76	\$3,000.05	\$872.82	\$6,454.43	\$5,706.39	\$3,340.70	\$544,165.05

## II. Releases

	Current Year	Prior Year	TOTAL
General Fund	\$72,000.27	\$0.00	\$72,000.27
Burnsville	\$873.21	\$0.00	\$873.21
West Yancey	\$2,963.55	\$0.00	\$2,963.55
Egypt/Ramseytown	\$574.70	\$0.00	\$574.70
Clearmont	\$460.36	\$0.00	\$460.36
Double Island	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Newdale	\$949.74	\$0.00	\$949.74
South Toe	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pensacola	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$77,821.83	\$0.00	\$77,821.83

## III. Net Tax Collections

Year	General Fund	Burnsville	West Yancey	Egypt/Ramseytown	Clearmont	Double Island	Newdale	South Toe	Pensacola	TOTAL
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<b>TOTAL</b>	\$431,395.19	\$3,908.10	\$9,297.58	\$3,778.06	\$2,539.69	\$872.82	\$5,504.69	\$5,706.39	\$3,340.70	\$466,343.22
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# Transaction Type Report

11-01-2018 to 11-30-2018

Year	General	Fire	Penalty	Waste	Additional Fees	Principal	Interest	Advertising Cost	Legal Cost	Total
2010	\$883.35	\$106.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$989.80	\$1,009.86	\$16.00	\$0.00	\$2,015.66
2014	\$929.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$929.40	\$110.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,039.82
2016	\$658.31	\$80.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$938.81	\$159.41	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$1,110.22
2017	\$3,777.62	\$280.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,058.29	\$327.28	\$52.00	\$0.00	\$4,437.57
2018	\$421,539.89	\$34,137.30	\$39.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$455,716.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$455,716.96
TOTAL	\$427,988.57	\$34,604.92	\$39.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$462,633.26	\$1,606.97	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$464,320.23



# Adjustment / Release Report

11-01-2018 to 11-30-2018

Year	General	Penalty	Waste	Additional Fees	Principal	Interest	Advertising Cost	Legal Cost	Fire	Amount Due	County Net
2014	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$-94.25	\$0.00	\$-94.25	\$-94.25
2016	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$-53.41	\$0.00	\$-53.41	\$-53.41
2017	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.05	\$0.05
2018	\$72,000.27	\$18.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72,018.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,821.56	\$77,840.36	\$72,018.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$72,000.27	\$18.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72,018.80	\$0.05	\$0.00	\$-147.66	\$5,821.56	\$77,692.75	\$71,871.19

# Collections Receipts Report

11-01-2018 to 11-30-2018

Total general tax	\$431,395.19
Total fire tax	\$34,948.03
Total penalty	\$39.77
Total Waste Fees	\$0.00
Total Additional Fees	\$0.00
Total principal	\$466,382.99
Total interest	\$1,606.97
Total cost of advertising	\$80.00
Total legal	\$0.00
Total check overpayments	\$0.00
Total Prepaid Payments	\$3,733.93
Total Prepaid Applied	\$0.00
Total misc	\$5,420.90
Grand total receipts	\$471,803.89

# District Payment Report

11-01-2018 to 11-30-2018

Year	District Code	District Name	Amount
2010	001	BURNSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT	\$49.80
2010	006	JACKS CREEK FIRE DISTRICT	\$56.65
2016	002	CANE RIVER FIRE DISTRICT	\$23.72
2016	006	JACKS CREEK FIRE DISTRICT	\$18.30
2016	009	SOUTH TOE FIRE DISTRICT	\$38.48
2017	001	BURNSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT	\$15.30
2017	002	CANE RIVER FIRE DISTRICT	\$3.84
2017	004	RAMSEYTOWN FIRE DISTRICT	\$17.40
2017	006	JACKS CREEK FIRE DISTRICT	\$18.30
2017	007	BRUSH CREEK FIRE DISTRICT	\$22.50
2017	008	CRABTREE FIRE DISTRICT	\$17.40
2017	009	SOUTH TOE FIRE DISTRICT	\$96.27
2017	010	PENSACOLA FIRE DISTRICT	\$52.94
2017	011	PRICES CREEK FIRE DISTRICT	\$36.72
2018	001	BURNSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT	\$3,843.00
2018	002	CANE RIVER FIRE DISTRICT	\$1,760.16
2018	003	EGYPT FIRE DISTRICT	\$2,497.03
2018	004	RAMSEYTOWN FIRE DISTRICT	\$1,162.37
2018	005	GREEN MOUNTAIN FIRE DISTRICT	\$820.78
2018	006	JACKS CREEK FIRE DISTRICT	\$1,591.08
2018	007	BRUSH CREEK FIRE DISTRICT	\$850.32
2018	008	CRABTREE FIRE DISTRICT	\$5,280.02
2018	009	SOUTH TOE FIRE DISTRICT	\$5,571.64
2018	010	PENSACOLA FIRE DISTRICT	\$3,287.76
2018	011	PRICES CREEK FIRE DISTRICT	\$7,473.14
TOTAL			\$34,604.92

# Detailed District Payment Report

11-01-2018 to 11-30-2018

Year	District Code	District Name	Taxpayer Name	Address	Amount
TOTAL					\$0.00

# Outstanding Balances Report

As of 11-30-2018

Year	Amount	County	District	Interest	Advertising	Penalties	Waste	Additional Fees
2007	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2008	\$14,015.11	\$6,611.56	\$591.24	\$6,609.19	\$56.00	\$147.12	\$0.00	\$0.00
2009	\$13,043.75	\$6,811.32	\$522.29	\$5,638.14	\$72.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2010	\$15,988.86	\$8,511.07	\$838.17	\$6,543.62	\$96.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2011	\$23,896.23	\$13,205.61	\$1,332.57	\$9,224.20	\$116.00	\$17.85	\$0.00	\$0.00
2012	\$26,630.59	\$14,938.29	\$1,691.10	\$9,576.13	\$144.00	\$281.07	\$0.00	\$0.00
2013	\$25,003.66	\$15,541.19	\$1,424.64	\$7,779.83	\$258.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2014	\$39,300.61	\$23,783.98	\$2,153.19	\$9,582.26	\$208.00	\$467.55	\$0.00	\$0.00
2015	\$60,684.15	\$42,941.75	\$3,543.70	\$12,496.27	\$290.66	\$296.97	\$0.00	\$0.00
2016	\$111,453.26	\$74,790.51	\$5,454.40	\$15,829.14	\$620.00	\$424.63	\$4.00	\$0.00
2017	\$170,169.95	\$141,917.17	\$11,838.35	\$14,017.11	\$1,364.00	\$1,033.32	\$0.00	\$0.00
2018	\$4,153,280.42	\$3,811,290.73	\$334,914.77	\$304.58	\$0.00	\$6,770.34	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,653,466.59</b>	<b>\$4,160,343.18</b>	<b>\$364,304.42</b>	<b>\$97,600.47</b>	<b>\$3,224.66</b>	<b>\$9,438.85</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

# YANCEY COUNTY TAX ADMINISTRATION

End of Month Breakout

View Posted Payments in Date Range 11/01/2018 to 11/30/2018 for Vehicle

Description	Amount
Vehicle Payments	
County Vehicle Tax Payments 2018	\$437.03
County Vehicle Tax Payments 2017	\$90.75
County Vehicle Tax Payments 2016	
County Vehicle Tax Payments 2015	
County Vehicle Tax Payments 2014	
County Vehicle Tax Payments 2013	
County Vehicle Tax Payments 2012	
County Vehicle Tax Payments 2011	
County Vehicle Tax Payments 2010	
County Vehicle Tax Payments 2009	
County Vehicle Tax Payments 2008	
County Vehicle Interest	\$1.21
County Vehicle Total Payments	\$528.99
Burnsville VFD Vehicle Tax	\$8.09
South Toe VFD Vehicle Tax	\$2.21
Newdale VFD Vehicle Tax	\$9.35
West Yancey VFD Vehicle Tax	\$4.21
Egypt/Ramseytown VFD Vehicle Tax	\$11.43
Clearmont VFD Vehicle Tax	\$5.83
Double Island VFD Vehicle Tax	\$3.22
Pensacola VFD Vehicle Tax	
VFD Vehicle Interest	\$0.10
VFD Vehicle Total Payments	\$44.44
Town of Burnsville Vehicle Tax	\$43.45
Town of Burnsville Vehicle Interest	
Town of Burnsville Vehicle Total Payment	\$43.45
State Vehicle Interest	\$1.32
Vehicle Total Payments	\$618.20

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## End of Month Breakout

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County Vehicle Tax	\$6,837.39	\$18,499.77	\$5,682.59	\$31,019.75
TOWN OF BURNSVILLE Vehicle Tax				
	\$240.15	\$539.61	\$36.00	\$815.76
BURNSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Tax				
	\$102.26	\$700.00	\$77.45	\$879.71
CANE RIVER FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Tax				
	\$94.07	\$175.70	\$10.72	\$280.49
EGYPT FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Tax				
	\$30.78	\$72.60	\$0.40	\$103.78
RAMSEYTOWN FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Tax				
	\$6.82	\$1.29	\$3.94	\$12.05
GREEN MOUNTAIN FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Tax				
	\$71.06	\$117.00	\$7.81	\$195.87
JACKS CREEK FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Tax				
	\$19.29	\$69.93	\$49.35	\$138.57
BRUSH CREEK FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Tax				
	\$10.26	\$58.86		\$69.12
CRABTREE FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Tax				
	\$125.73	\$215.72	\$38.84	\$380.29
SOUTH TOE FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Tax				
	\$77.72	\$148.19	\$40.70	\$266.61
PENSACOLA FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Tax				
	\$59.76	\$145.63	\$77.70	\$283.09

PRICES CREEK FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Tax			\$271.64
\$27.59	\$68.34	\$175.71	
County Vehicle Interest			\$1,634.65
\$14.14	\$588.38	\$1,032.13	
TOWN OF BURNSVILLE Vehicle Interest			\$7.62
	\$0.69	\$6.93	
BURNSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Interes			\$47.72
\$0.35	\$34.04	\$13.33	
CANE RIVER FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Interes			\$2.44
\$0.13	\$0.84	\$1.47	
EGYPT FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Interest			\$0.08
\$0.05	\$0.02	\$0.01	
RAMSEYTOWN FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Interes			\$0.53
\$0.02	\$0.03	\$0.48	
GREEN MOUNTAIN FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Int			\$2.04
\$0.10	\$0.40	\$1.54	
JACKS CREEK FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Intere			\$15.80
\$0.08	\$6.33	\$9.39	
CRABTREE FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Interest			\$12.03
\$0.16	\$4.65	\$7.22	
SOUTH TOE FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Interest			\$8.96
\$0.06	\$2.94	\$5.96	
PENSACOLA FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Interest			\$18.56
\$0.03	\$5.20	\$13.33	
PRICES CREEK FIRE DISTRICT Vehicle Inter			\$38.36
\$0.23	\$5.25	\$32.88	
DMV Vehicle Interest			\$470.46
\$17.26	\$267.07	\$186.13	
Totals			\$36,975.98
\$7,735.49	\$21,728.48	\$7,512.01	
Billed to Date		% Collected	

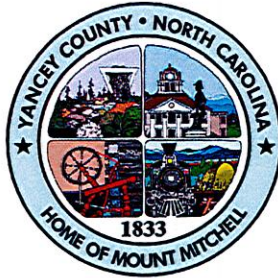


County Vehicle Tax 2013

\$8,745.02

21.81%

12/03/2018



**RESOLUTION OF THE YANCEY COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING  
THE SCHEDULE OF ITS REGULAR MEETINGS  
AND ALSO ESTABLISHING THE 2019 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**THAT WHEREAS**, NCGS 143-318.12, provides that a public body of which Yancey County is may establish by Resolution its schedule of its regular meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, if Yancey County does such establish, then Yancey County shall cause a copy of that schedule, showing the time and place of the regular meetings to be kept on file with the Yancey County Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, by prior Resolution, Yancey County has heretofore established its regular meetings to occur on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Monday of each consecutive month commencing at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the courtroom of the Yancey County courthouse located in Burnsville, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, Yancey County intends to hold its regular monthly meetings on that same schedule henceforth, except that the regular meeting which would fall in November of 2019 falls on Veteran's Day and therefore the regular monthly meeting for November, 2019 should be moved to occur on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at the same time and place as set forth herein-above; and

**WHEREAS**, Yancey County has by precedent established a holiday schedule in December for those holidays for the upcoming year; and

**WHEREAS**, Yancey County wishes to do so for the upcoming 2019 calendar year.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** by the Yancey County Board of Commissioners as follows:

- 1) That henceforth the regular meetings of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners shall occur on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Tuesday of each consecutive month, commencing at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the courtroom of the Yancey County courthouse located in Burnsville, North Carolina, with the exception that the November, 2019 meeting shall occur on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at the same place and time as set forth herein and that the Clerk shall keep a copy of this Resolution on file;
- 2) That the holiday schedule for Yancey County is hereby established as particularly set forth as described in Schedule "A" entitled 2019 "Holiday Schedule" which is attached hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

**RESOLVED** this the \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2019 and signed this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

Attest

*Sonya Morgan*  
Sonya Morgan  
Clerk to the Board

(county seal)



*Jeff Whitson*  
Chairman, Yancey County Board of Commissioners



*Schedule A*

## **2019 Holiday Schedule**

Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - New Years Day

Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> - Martin Luther Kings

Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday

Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day

Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> - Independence Day

Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Crafts Fair

Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> - Labor Day

Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran's Day

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> & Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Thanksgiving

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, & Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>, December- Christmas





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## **RESOLUTION**

### **SUPPORTING LOCAL CONTROL OF SCHOOL CALENDARS**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina General Statutes give local boards of education powers of supervision and control of local school systems; and

**WHEREAS**, local control over establishing school calendars is an integral component of school system supervision and administrative powers with which local boards of education have been vested; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004 the North Carolina General Assembly seized control of setting school calendars and imposed a one-size-fits-all mandate on how school calendars are to be set; and

**WHEREAS**, the current one-size-fits-all school calendar start date is no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 and the end date is no later than the Friday closest to June 11; and

**WHEREAS**, the State mandated late August start date means many high schools do not complete the first semester until mid to late January; and

**WHEREAS**, the current law essentially requires high school students to take first semester exams after the winter break, which negatively impacts test scores, according to students and educators; and

**WHEREAS**, the second semester for high schools starts two to three weeks later than community colleges and universities; and

**WHEREAS**, superintendents report that the calendar misalignment makes it nearly impossible for high school students or recent winter graduates to take courses at a nearby community college or university during the second semester; and

**WHEREAS**, exams for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate classes are given on the same day nationwide, and the current calendar law shortens the amount of time North Carolina's students have to learn the material before test day; and

**WHEREAS**, it is well-documented through multiple studies that children will experience a phenomenon known as summer learning loss, which has a disproportionate impact on low-income children; and

**WHEREAS**, long summer breaks can also negatively impact child nutrition, as low-income children who have access to regular meals at school through the free and reduced priced meal program may not have access to regular meals at home; and

**WHEREAS**, with little flexibility built in to the calendar, scheduling make-up days is extremely challenging; and

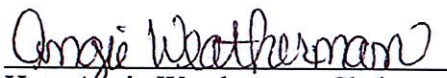
**WHEREAS**, fall sports and band begin August 1, schedules for extracurriculars have not changed to coincide with the State-mandated school calendar; and

**WHEREAS**, local boards of education are best equipped to understand the balancing act of meeting the community's needs and maximizing student success; and


**WHEREAS**, restoring local control of school calendars will allow local boards of education to best meet the calendar preferences of the families, educators, and businesses in our community while allowing for innovative experimental approaches to improve student achievement.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Yancey Board of Education requests that the Yancey Board of County Commissioners pass a resolution in support of calendar flexibility.

**ADOPTED** by the Yancey County Board of Education this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2018.

  
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Hon. Angie Weatherman, Chair  
Yancey County Board of Education

Attest:

  
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Clerk



## ATTORNEY GENERAL JOSH STEIN: I WILL FIGHT TO PROTECT HEALTHCARE IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Release date: 12/4/2018

(RALEIGH) Attorney General Josh Stein today released the following information related to his ongoing review of HCA's purchase of Mission Hospital:

"Since July, my office has been hard at work requesting and reviewing information from Mission and HCA, which has been provided on a rolling basis. I have also heard from hundreds of people who have contacted me – including nearly 200 letters and emails from people in western North Carolina. In fact, in the last three months my office has received more letters and emails about this proposed sale than any other topic.

"My review focuses on three main issues. First, the people of western North Carolina deserve greater certainty about HCA's commitments to continue to provide needed healthcare at Mission Hospital – and especially – the other five rural hospitals in the system. Second, the people's longtime and substantial investment in the healthcare system must be fully preserved in the Dogwood Health Trust, the new foundation. Third, the board of the Dogwood Health Trust should represent the full diversity of western North Carolina and remain connected to the public.

"I will continue to get answers and work with the parties involved. I want to ensure that there are substantial protections for healthcare in western North Carolina, that Mission's assets continue to be used for a public purpose, and that the Dogwood Health Trust is independent and representative."

Under statute, the Attorney General has the right to review any transaction in which a nonprofit corporation sells substantially all of its assets. The Attorney General has dedicated substantial time and resources in carrying out this responsibility regarding Mission Health System's sale.

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Dear General Stein,

We are delighted to hear that you and your staff are working toward public hearings in Western North Carolina on the Mission/HCA deal early in the new year. As a group, we stand ready to do all we can to facilitate a series of hearings in each of the five communities where the rural hospitals are located. Although all share some common concerns, each community also has issues that are unique to it. For that reason, we urge you to visit and hear from your constituents in each community individually.

We write in addition to express our strong opinion that these hearings are a vital part of the fact-finding process that *must precede* the 30- (or 60-) day review period specified by law. No less than the information your office is gathering from the parties, the perspectives of the people whose lives will be deeply affected by the sale are crucial to the exercise of your duty in this matter. Therefore, each of us wishes to go on record that the formal review should not commence until the hearings are completed.

Thank you again for the diligence and care you are giving to this process. As you can probably appreciate, you are setting a template for what is likely to be a continued series of such transactions across our state. Again, we offer any assistance that can aid you in this effort.

Sincerely,